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COUNTRY Polish-occupied Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Military Installations in Breslau

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1. Soviet Army depots located on the northwest side of the main road from the city center of Breslau (P 52/Ch1) to Hundsfield (P 52/C 52), about 4.0 meters north-east of the Most Warszawski (Warsaw Bridge) across the Oder River, were observed between the summer of 1943 and September 1950. The installation was bounded by Ul. Marcina Kromera on the southeast, Ul. Piotra Czalkowskiego on the northeast, the Breslau-Hundsfield railroad line on the northwest and Aleja Doja Zelenskiego on the southwest. The installation was composed of about eight warehouse areas, each area consisting of about six low wooden warehouses, each approximately 45 meters long. Local residents said that this installation was used as a depot by the former German RAD (Reich Labor Service) prior to 1945. In the summer of 1943 the installation was occupied by **Russians and guards** 50X1 by sentries wearing red-bordered epaulets. No changes or expansions had been observed prior to the summer of 1950. Soldiers observed in the depot were between 20 and 30 years of age. Some of them wore war decorations. 50X1 Studebaker trucks and 50X1 other trucks of Soviet origin were seen daily, entering and leaving the installation.

2. [redacted] since 1946 50X1 Soviet soldiers had been quartered in brick barracks installations at Kriestern (Krzyki), a suburb on the southwestern edge of Breslau.
3. Only a few Soviet soldiers were seen in the streets of Breslau prior to the summer of 1950. The civilians were not friendly with the **troops**.
4. It was observed between July and September 1950 that Soviet troops were quartered in a former German barracks installation north of the city sector of Kosel 50X1-HUM (P 52/C L2). The installation was located on the west bank of the Oder River, opposite the suburb of Oswitz (P 52/C L2) and northwest of the terminus of streetcar line No 8. ** [redacted] 50X1 ammunition was being filled there in underground work-shops. *** 50X1

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- * ☐ Comment. The Soviet installation near the city sector of Krietern is possibly the Soviet clothing depot in Breslau-Opperau. 50X1
- ** ☐ Comment. The barracks installation in Kosel is possibly the former German Pionier Kaserne which was destroyed during the war. 50X1
- *** ☐ Comment. All three installations are reported for the first time. The two latter installations probably house Soviet supply depots. It is believed that Breslau is used mainly as a supply center of the Soviet Army and that no troop units are stationed there. 50X1

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